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Retrofittable Severe Duty Seal For A Shaft

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Communication of February 4, 2002, Applicant requests that the Preliminary Amendment filed for this application on May 14, 2001 be disregarded. The language requested to be added to the application in the Amendment is already included in the application as filed. Therefore, there is no need for Applicant to correct the Amendment, as the amendment is not necessary.

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